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Concentration Camp Murder Unfolded

BIZARRE STORY OF RE'ENGE FOR WIPING OUT FAMILY TOLD

JERUSALEM (P-O) — A man who deserted the Israeli navy to join the French foreign legion to track down the murderer of his parents and his three brothers in a concentration camp walked out of an Israeli prison this week.

Yediot Aharonot, daily paper, published the bizarre tale of Eliahu Itzkowitz.

Itzkowitz deserted the Israel navy when his ship docked at an Italian port in 1953, made his way to France where he joined the foreign legion to follow the Rumanian Fascist leader whom he learned had sought refuge in the legion.

He caught up with the Fascist in Indo-China, and avenged his family's murder.

Itzkowitz returned to Israel and gave himself up to authorities, who imposed the minimum sentence after taking into consideration the unusual circumstances of his desertion.

Catholic Paper Challenges Ruling Kosher Market May Open Sunday

BOSTON, Mass. (P-O) — The Boston Sunday Herald upheld the decision of a three-man federal court permitting a kosher supermarket which closes on Saturday to remain open on Sunday, but the Pilot, official newspaper of the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, took an opposing view.

THE DECISION was a majority one, with one judge dissenting.

The commonwealth's attorney is studying an appeal to the Supreme Court, but meanwhile the Crown Supermarket of Springfield will remain open.

Joining the firm in the suit was a group of its customers, including Rabbi Moses D. Sheinkopf, of Springfield.

THE SUNDAY Herald said that "Respect for the Sabbath (Sunday) should not be enforced through a series of discriminatory legislative dicta."

The Pilot's view was expressed in a lead editorial, which said in part:

"Without inflicting disabilities on those who hold religious observance on another day, religious Christians should see to it that the day of rest established by law is not so debased as to discourage Christian worship and to distract from Christian observance. This present decision, with its mocking plea for religious liberty, is just such a debasement and no amount of 'good intentions' on the part of its authors can change its character."

REPRESENTING the Crown Supermarket was Herbert B. Ehrmann, newly-elected president of the American Jewish Committee.

WOULD NOT JOIN JEWISH AGENCY BODY-COMMITTEE

NEW YORK (P-O) — The proposal now before a number of non-Zionist national Jewish organizations to join an advisory group of the Jewish Agency was rejected by the newly-elected president of the American Jewish Committee.

Meeting with Jewish newsmen for the first time in his new capacity, Herbert B. Ehrmann, of Boston, said the Committee

DULLES FRIEND OF ISRAEL: B-G

JERUSALEM (P-O) — "Our people regarded him as a wise and loyal friend," was the way Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion described the Israel feeling towards John Foster Dulles, in a letter of condolence to President Eisenhower.

Organized Jewish Life Ends In Bulgaria

JERUSALEM (P-O) — The heavy hand of Communism fell this week on the Consistory of Bulgarian Jews which voted to dissolve, ending organized Jewish life in the satellite, following criticism that it failed to disseminate enough information on "the imperialist nature of Zionism."

3 Go To Hospital As Soccer Flight Flares

BEERSHEBA (P-O) — Spectators at a soccer game objecting to the attack of the Betar goal keeper on a Beersheba Hapoel player sent Cohen to the hospital, along with the goal keeper he had hit. A spectator was also injured in the fracas.

150 Polish Jews Leave for Israel

VIENNA (P-O) — Hopes for increased Polish Jewish emigration were revived here as 150 Jewish men, women, and children passed through the city en route to Israel.

would not join the Jewish Agency under any arrangement.

Ehrmann also formulated the thesis behind the Committee's reluctance to join hands with other U. S. Jewish groups in pursuance of common objectives, declaring that the Committee cannot conceive of being bound by majority decisions on matters on which it has a distinctive view.

Klutznick Tells Israelis To Pipe Down

JERUSALEM (P-O) — Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion may not like the fact that an American Jewish organization is holding its convention in Israel after all.

For the first crack out of the box, Philip Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, which made history by becoming the first U. S. Jewish organization to hold its regular convention in the Jewish state, told Ben-Gurion to pipe down about American Jewry coming to Israel.



Klutznick

Of course the doughty president of the Jewish lodge didn't mention Ben-Gurion by name, but he might as well have done so, for no one was fooled.

"Importuning calls for wholesale migration (to Israel) are not only foredoomed to failure, but detrimental to Israel as a negative attitude toward Jewish life elsewhere," Klutznick declared.

HE WARNED Israel not to pin false hopes on the possibilities of any important immigration from U. S. Jewry and other free lands.

He asserted "the majority of Jews will continue to live in lands outside Israel. This may be a hard fact for extravagant nationalism to accept, but to blink at it is utter folly."

Pointing out that anti-Semitism today is a receding factor in the lives of Jews, Klutznick, who is retiring after six years as president, said that the relationship between Jews of the world and Israel is the key challenge in Jewish life.

WORLD JEWRY, he declared, "must not be characterized in the Israeli mind as available targets for immigration campaigns nor their reluctance to emigrate be derided."

In the frankest words the Israelis have heard about American Jewry in years, Klutznick insisted that it would be an "unwise and unproductive venture for Israel to anticipate any disintegration of Jewish life in the free lands as a boon to large-scale Aliyah."

THE 1,300 DELEGATES, mostly from the U.S., crowded the huge convention center to hear the welcoming by President Ben Zvi. The invocation was delivered by Chief Sephardic Rabbi Yitzchak Nissim.

The never-failing message from President Eisenhower, without which no U.S. Jewish convention can be opened, lauded the B'nai B'rith activities.

West Germany To Give B'nai B'rith \$2.4 Million

JERUSALEM (P-O) — The B'nai B'rith announced here that it had made an agreement with West Germany for \$2,400,000 as restitution for properties of the Order confiscated by the Nazis in 1939.

National Leadership Mediocre--Toubin

JORDAN JAIL LETS RABBI BE KOSHER

JERUSALEM (P-O) — An Orthodox rabbi who refused to eat anything grown by Jews because of the shemitta year (the land must lie fallow every seven years) ended up in a Jordanian jail, but his observance of kashrut was not affected. The Jordanian jailers saw that he got only kosher food.

Rabbi Shmuel Ordentlich inadvertently stepped over the border into Jordan while shopping in an Arab village where he has been buying his fruits and vegetables.

NEW YORK, (P-O)—National Jewish leadership was criticized as mediocre by Isaac Toubin, executive director of the American Jewish Congress.

Speaking at the Herzl institute here as part of the conference on Jewish public opinion, Toubin had words of praise for local Jewish leadership, which he said was very effective.

The Congress official said that "crisis conditioning of American Jews" which he termed a conscious effort to determine and shape public opinion is "harmful."

"The effort to raise the largest possible amount of money," he added "is now contingent on the development of a new 'emergency' every year."

He said the absence of emergencies leads to a calamitous fall-off in fund-raising and cited the recent Rumanian crisis as a case in point.

"Leaders of the United Jewish Appeal were impaled on the horns of a dilemma. They could talk about a great historic opportunity of rescuing Jews who were emigrated from Eastern Europe and appeal to the mind, or they could enlarge on the crisis of expulsion and appeal to the heart."

Toubin said that cautious policy dictated the first approach, successful fund-raising the latter.

As a result, he declared, Rumania shut off the very emigration which UJA needed for its fund-raising efforts.

Toubin said there is a tragic and immature reluctance to create public opinion in American Jewry which will see the real dimensions of Jewish needs as "permanently emergent."

The main vehicle for creating an intelligent public opinion cannot come through a subsidized press. He indicated that the community could be served best by independent newspapers.

TOUBIN explained that when a campaign depends on a newspaper there cannot be a free press.

He called for an establishment of an Institute for Jewish affairs which would be an all-encompassing Jewish news bureau, of which JTA will be just a part.

DR. EMIL LEHMAN, director of the Herzl Institute, speaking at the conference on "Feeling the Pulse of Jewish Public Opinion," proposed the establishment of a Institute for Jewish Public Opinion. Dr. Lehman said, "I am not shooting for the moon in proposing the establishment of such an institute. It can be done and it must be done." Such an institute, he said, "will answer a real need for the growing and maturing of this American Jewish community of ours."

Juvenile Court Ends Teens' 4th Reich

CLEVELAND, O. (P-O)—Juvenile court here put the quietus on a hair-brained attempt to establish a Fourth Reich, not in Germany, but in the U. S., by four high school students.

Three of the four, led by a 15-year-old straight A student, ended up with suspended sentences to the boys industrial school, with the fourth assigned to psychiatric treatment before sentence is passed.

School officials discovered that the quartet were distributing subversive literature.

THEY ADMITTED breaking into the downtown office of the Israel bond organization and decorating the walls with swastikas after cutting up an Israeli flag and tearing up mail.

Weddings Permitted On Independence Day

JERUSALEM (P-O) — A new dispensation permitting marriages during the Sefira period, when weddings are forbidden, was seen in permission to an Israeli couple to wed on Israel's Independence Day. The Chief Rabbi ruled that the joyous occasion warranted the dispensation, which he indicated the diaspora might also follow.

New Laws To Make Israel Best Nation For Investors

JERUSALEM (P-O) — A complete about face in treatment of foreign investments will be made by Israel soon, it was indicated in financial circles which expected that new tax provisions will enable investors to remove unlimited profits from the Jewish state. The new provisions are expected to make Israel the most liberal country in the world for foreign investments.

'Exodus' Wins Prize As Best Jewish Novel

NEW YORK (P-O)—The novel "Exodus" by Leon Uris was adjudged the most outstanding work of fiction of Jewish interest written and published in the U. S. in 1958 by the Jewish Book Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board. The author was awarded the \$250 Harry and Ethel Daroff Memorial Fiction Award.

MUST DEEPEN KNOWLEDGE, COMMITMENT—EISENDRATH

NEW YORK, (P-O)—Leaders of Reform congregations were told this week that Reform Judaism is entering a "third phase or development" which will lay heavy emphasis on deepening the

knowledge and commitment of the liberal American Jew.

Addressing the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president, called for a broader translation of our moral mandates through social action in the synagogue, and a major emphasis on adult education.

"The major challenge that we face is to help every adult member of a synagogue to become an informed, Jewishly literate and positively committed Jew," he asserted. Rabbi Eisendrath said that the survival of Judaism will not be possible if our children return to homes which are spiritually bankrupt and educationally barren.

Yale Gets Kosher Diners Club

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (P-O)—The third kosher diners club at American Universities has been launched at Yale university here by Young Israel of New Haven. The other two clubs, all operating successfully, are at Ohio State and Cornell.

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Judaism as Majority Religion In U.S. a Fallacy--Teller

NEW YORK, (P-O) — The effort to equate Judaism with Catholicism and Protestantism as a major religion in the United States was challenged by Dr. Judd Teller, political advisor to the Jewish Agency.

SPEAKING on "Is America a Golah (exile)?" Teller told a meeting of the Yeshiva university alumni here that the "basic truth (is) that there are really only two religious groups, the Christians, a majority, and the Jewish, a minority."

"Many Jews," he said, "have accepted the false interpretation." **AMERICAN** Jewry is under "considerable pressure as never before" to identify itself specifically

ally in terms of the American environment, and this tends to limit and inhibit the universality of the Jewish character, declared Dr. Judd L. Teller, political advisor to the Jewish agency for Israel last night (Sunday, May 17).

Dr. Teller, himself an alumnus of Yeshiva university, stressed that he was speaking in a private capacity and that his remarks were in no way to be construed as representative of the Jewish Agency.

STATING that the word "golah" was not a derogatory one Dr. Teller said that it merely described the "singularity of Jews."

"Jews are not completely as-

similable — either by choice or circumstance. They can and do take their place in the political and cultural fabric of America but—and this is surely not a bad thing — they have a peculiar transcendentality that keeps them apart."

Council Rejects Ex-President's View

NEW YORK (P-O)—A spokesman for the Council of Jewish Women, commenting on the charges of Mrs. Maurice Goldman, a past president of the organization, in connection with the group's affiliation with the President Conference, said Mrs. Goldman spoke on her own and in no way reflected the position of the Council.

MRS. GOLDMAN told the American Council for Judaism two-day regional conference in Washington, D. C. that the President's Club "presumes not only to speak for American Jewry but lobbies for them on political issues." (P-O, May 15).

The spokesman told The POST and OPINION that Mrs. Goldman, who is a member of the Council of Jewish Women and was president in the 1930s, by all means can express her own views.

"THE FACT that the Council of Jewish Women is a member of the President's Conference speaks for itself."

Anti-Zionist Denies Interest In Anniversary

TUCSON, Ariz. (P-O) — A statement by James Freudenthal, president of the local chapter of the American Council for Judaism, that he "and many other non-Zionists have no interest whatsoever in either the anniversary of Israel or in the sale of Israel bonds . . ." was challenged by The Arizona Post, Anglo-Jewish weekly.

The statement was made by the anti-Zionist in a letter to the daily newspaper here protesting against a headline which read: "Tucson Jewry Marks Israel Anniversary."

Freudenthal's letter said that "we think it is unfair to imply that Tucson Jewry as such is sponsoring the event."

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Rabbis Seeking to Break Hold of Seminary Over Conservative Movement Lose Battle

By CHARLES ROTH

Executive Editor, National Edition
CONCORD HOTEL, Kiamasha Lake, N. Y. (P-O)—A group of leftwing Conservative rabbis lost their fight here to break the domination of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America over the Conservative Movement.

THE RABBINICAL Assembly of America, at their annual convention here, overwhelmingly agreed to a compromise resolution renewing their agreement with the Seminary faculty. The agreement provides that matters of marriage and divorce will be dealt with officially only by the joint steering committee of the

PRESIDENT AGAIN RABBI KLEIN

CONCORD HOTEL, Kiamasha Lake, N. Y. — Rabbi Isaac Klein, Temple Emanuel, Buffalo, New York, was elected to a second term as president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America at the closing session. Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, Temple Beth El, Cedarhurst, N. Y., was re-elected vice-president.

RA and the Seminary faculty.

The compromise hinges on permitting the RA committee on law and standards to write its own responsa (interpretations of halaha) on marriage and divorce. It may not, however, present these interpretations as official policy of the Rabbinical Assembly.

PREVIOUS agreements prohibited the RA law committee from dealing in any way with hilhot ishut (laws of women, i.e., marriage and divorce).

Under the new agreement, Conservative Rabbis may look to either the law committee of the RA or the joint steering committee for decisions on marriage and divorce.

Only interpretations of the joint steering committee will be official policy of the Rabbinical Assembly and hence the Conservative movement.

THE CRUX of the marriage and divorce problem in Jewish law is the Aguna, a woman virtually free to remarry but bound to her previous spouse by religious technicalities or refusal by her husband to grant her a Jewish divorce.

The rightists in the Conservative movement feel that all changes in Jewish law alleviating the plight of the aguna should be derived from the halaha itself and that the changes be made within the spirit of the original halaha. In addition they feel that these changes should grow out of actual experience as specific cases come up.

THE LEFTISTS feel that the law should be changed on the basis of the needs of the present community and call for such rulings to be enacted immediately. Such rulings would provide that a rabbi could issue a Jewish divorce to a woman if her hus-

LAYMAN TURNS TABLES ON RABBIS

CONCORD HOTEL, Kiamasha Lake, N. Y. (P-O)—A layman turned the tables on the rabbis at the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly convention last week when United Synagogue president Bernath Jacobs called upon the rabbis to desist from eliminating practices and cutting down on prayers. "I know there are people in our movement," he charged, "who are always advocating changes in our religious practices. They think that by eliminating certain practices, and by cutting down on certain prayers, they will attract more people to the synagogue."

"I know that their intentions are good, but permit me to say: they are making a serious mistake." He added, "that what our people want is not less Judaism, but more Judaism."

"Don't ever be misled into believing that our laymen will have more respect for you, or for what you stand, if you give them a watered-down Judaism."

band who had already secured a civil divorce refused to grant her a Jewish one, if her husband was declared insane, or if her husband was missing.

The discussion on the resolution conducted in executive session was easily the highlight of the convention if capacity attendance and parliamentary wrangling were only indication.

OPPOSITION to the resolution came mostly from the Reconstructionist minority in the RA. They called for independence from Seminary domination while attacking the resolution.

Though most of the speakers were opposed to the resolution and often drew loud applause, the passing of the resolution by 146 to 26 indicated that the greater majority of rabbis were committed to the rightist position and firmly supported Seminary influence on marriage and divorce.

SPEAKING for Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Seminary chancellor now on a trip to Europe and Israel, Rabbi Simon Greenberg all but let the mountain drop on the heads of the rabbis in his plea for passage of the resolution. Threatening that defeat of the resolution would split the movement or cause the Seminary faculty to resign from the RA, he claimed that Dr. Finkelstein would never have left the coun-

try had he felt that the compromise resolution would not be accepted.

An amendment proposed by Rabbi William P. Greenfield which would have retained the old agreement for one year more while the new agreement was worked over to clearly spell out the freedom it gives the rabbis, was defeated.

WHILE THE new agreement has no time limit, the budget for its activity covers three years.

Though favoring the resolution as a whole the rabbis, almost unanimously, amended the resolution to protect the rabbi who would follow his own conscience in interpreting Jewish law. The amendment deleted a section of the resolution calling for action of censure, suspension or expulsion by the RA of members who issue decisions that disqualify him for membership in the Assembly.

RABBI DAVID AARONSON, author of the resolution, claimed that the joint steering committee and its national Beth Din prove that the Orthodox have no monopoly over halaha.

Of 17 new members voted as new members of the Rabbinical Assembly, not counting those graduating from the Seminary. 14 are Orthodox. Of the 14 rabbis, all of whom serve Conservative congregations at present, five are graduates from Yeshiva university. The others are from Yeshiva Torah Vodaath, Yeshiva Chaim Berlin, Israeli yeshivas and others.

A first was claimed by Rabbi Joseph Goldman of Temple Israel in Norfolk, Va., who was flown to the convention by one of his vice-presidents, Calvin Breit in his private plane. The plane carrying the rabbi, his wife, and daughter landed, after the 300 mile trip, at the Monticello airport four miles from the Concord.

DOCTORS CHOOSE ISRAEL

The World Medical assn., which met this month in Sydney, Australia, voted to hold its 1962 meeting in Israel.

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CONCEPTION OF GOD CALLED INADEQUATE

CONCORD HOTEL, Kiamasha Lake, N. Y. (P-O) — A rabbi respected for his courage and his profundity had some harsh words here for the Jewishness of American Jews.



Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, Jewish Theological Seminary professor and founder of the Reconstructionist Movement, told the Conservative rabbis meeting here that "one half of Jewish identity is the product of Gentile exclusiveness and the other half is the product of Jewish association."

"The Jewishness of American Jews," he said, "is only skin deep."

DR. KAPLAN had very little to say that was complimentary

to any of the three wings of Judaism.

Discussing the conception of God, he rejected the Orthodox approach because "it is based on the assumption that the miraculous events recorded in the Bible are the most authentic evidences of His existence."

"AS FOR the Reform conception of God, as embodied in ethical monotheism," he said, "it is indeed related to the past of the Jews. Though it makes sense, it points to no specific course of future action for the Jewish people as constituting its destiny. One therefore does not have to be a Jew to live by it."

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

We're Making Hypocrites in the Year 1959 By Converting Non-Jews by the Rules of 65

By HELEN COHEN

Rabbi Simon A. Dolgin, in criticizing my effort a few weeks back on "Who Is a Jew?" wrote something to the effect that solutions are not so easily come by I agree with him.

But I promised to try to do a serious job on the matter for you today so you will bear with this columnist.

THE CONTROVERSY on "Who Is a Jew?" is one of the problems disturbing today's world Jewry simply because there is no authority nor mechanism for interpreting and amending Jewish law to fit the needs of the times.

Until any such official change takes place, a Jew is defined (as I noted previously) as a child born to a Jewish mother, or a non-Jew who "earnestly solicited conversion and underwent the ceremony of the mikva, with nilla as additional prerequisite for the male, and who agreed to observe the mitzvot."

LOOKING first at the requirements for a convert, we learn that the mikva (undergoing immersion) is for both sexes and goes back to a pronouncement in the year 65 CE. According to Dr. Solomon Zeitlin in the April Jewish Quarterly Review, "a concave at that time adopted certain measures, one being that all non-Jews were declared to be ipso facto unclean in the degree of a zab. Any Jew who was unclean in the degree of a zab was obliged to be baptized (immersed) after purification and to bring a sacrifice. A non-Jew... who wished to join the Jewish community had to be baptized since by entering the group he became purified. He also offered a similar sacrifice..."

When we turn to the 613 Divine Commandments compiled from rulings in the Tora we see that Commandment 104 is concerned with a Zab (a man suffering from a flux)

A ZAB, it is explained, is one

who suffers two seminal issues either the same or within two consecutive days—discharges not due to sexual excitement. The issues having ceased and seven clean days elapsed, he must wash his clothes and immerse himself in living (running) water.

It would not be out of place to say that this appears to be one of the commandments which have fallen into disuse among Jews for many years now. Yet the pronouncement in 65 CE based on this commendment continues to be the accepted ritual today for would-be converts.

AS FOR circumcision, Zeitlin explains that this became a requirement for proselytes after the destruction of the Second Temple for two reasons: First, this showed his acceptance of the Judean religion. Jews suffered persecution and even death for observing this ruling. Second, it was done to combat the doctrine of Paul who maintained that the covenant of God with Abraham was not achieved by circumcision.

(This may be a good time to quote Zeitlin on the subject of proselytizing. "The sages" he tells us, "regarded converts highly and extolled those who gave up their idols and accepted the God of Israel... The Pharisees canonized the book of Ruth in order to show that a proselyte could become a true Israelite... When Christianity became the dominating religion of the Roman Empire the Church prohibited proselytism to Judaism under penalty of death... Anyone who came in contact with Judaism was said to be contaminated.")

ON THE THIRD and final requirement for the convert to Judaism, that of agreeing to observe the mitzvot, we again see the need for re-evaluating conversion rites. If a convert is expected to observe the mitzvot, then the born Jew also should be expected to do this. Yet today not only are most of the commandments not observed, they are not observable; and I'd like to hear of any Jewish person outside of the rabbinate who has even a casual acquaintance with the 613.

I don't hear of the laws being taught in the Sunday school or Hebrew schools. The 104th Com-

mandment on the Zab, is a case in point.

The way some would get around this requirement, and it sounds more like hypocrisy than anything else, is to point out that once a Jew, one remains a Jew always, even if one is unobservant or even an atheist. So having converted with the agreement to observe the mitzvot, one can then proceed to behave like one's fellow Jews.

I shall speak again of the position of Reform Judaism next week when I tackle the matter of a Jew being one born to a Jewish woman, but I want to point out now that while all of us including Reform leaders surely would have preferred to have changes made by and for all Israel, when Reform sees the need for change, it has had the courage and ability to make such changes. Reform rabbis as I explained before do not demand immersion in water or circumcision, substituting for them, intense study of and an emotional and ideological commitment to Judaism by the would-be convert. (Rabbi Jay Kaufman in the Congress Bi-Weekly).

Told Von Karajan Was a Nazi

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (P-O) — Although the Jewish community has decided not to place itself in the position of censor of an artistic performer, the Jewish Western Bulletin, Anglo-Jewish weekly here printed a statement by the Canadian Jewish Congress detailing the long Nazi association of Herbert von Karajan. Karajan is guest conductor at the Vancouver International Festival opening July 11.

"The Congress view is," wrote Editor A. J. Arnold, "that Jewish people should be fully informed of the background of von Karajan so they can make up their own minds as a matter of personal conscience as to whether or not they will support the particular events in which this ex-Nazi is being featured."

Creative or Inactive Is Challenge—Segal

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., (P-O) — American Jewry was challenged here to decide whether it wants "to be known to posterity as a creative and vigorous Jewry or as an over-satiated, unintellectual and uninspired segment" of the American people.

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U.S. Halts Visas of German Jews

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French Zionists protesting Britain's Palestine policy were prohibited from meeting, for the first time, because the meetings "would not be in harmony with France's international interests."

10 YEARS AGO

Congressman Ed Gosset (D, Texas) attacked entrance into the United States of Jewish DPs

as "an injection of virus in our national bloodstream which is already becoming polluted." He singled out Russian Jews as especially undesirable.

Organized Jewish veterans in London prepared to establish regular patrols to prevent assaults on Jews.

FIVE YEAR SAGO

A reign of terror for 10 Jewish families in Dallas, Texas, ended with the arrest by FBI agents of two men who had sought to extort \$200,000 from 20 of the city's top Jewish families.

Two factions of the Zionist Organization of America called separate meetings of all regional presidents. At issue was government of the ZOA between conventions.

ONE YEAR AGO

Jerusalem's religious council removed its hashgaha from two local hotels in an effort to pressure the manager of the hotels to alter his plans for opening the city's first mixed-bathing swimming pool... Windows were broken and swastikas smeared on two synagogues in Denver.

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MIAMI, Fla. (P-O)—A group of American Jewish women playing canasta in the King David hotel on Friday night must have made a poor impression on Rabbi Joseph Narot, of Temple Israel, here, who has just returned from Israel.

Writing in The Jewish Floridian, Rabbi Narot said he saw the women playing as he returned from "a religious service conducted by a group interested in reforming and modifying Jewish observance."

The Miami Reform rabbi wondered whether the Israelis would accept this type of practice from American life or the spiritual life as indicated in the beautiful synagogue built in Jerusalem by Rabbi Israel Goldstein, of New York, and the school building being erected by the Hebrew Union college-Jewish Institute of Religion under Dr. Nelson Glueck.

SEPARATION OF SEXES HELD ORTHODOX BATTLEGROUND

WILMINGTON, Del. (P-O) — The separation of the sexes at worship services in the synagogues was called the new battleground of Orthodoxy by Rabbi Moses Burak, of B'nai Israel of Logan congregation in Philadelphia.

IN A LECTURE at Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth here, the president of the Rabbinical Association of Philadelphia (Orthodox) derided the modernists who say that separate seating is outworn.

"No," he asserted. "This is the very essence of Jewish history."

RABBI BURAK compared halaha (Jewish law) with the attitude to religious law of the Catholic church, which he said is empowered to give dispensations. "In Jewish life, the synagogue doesn't have such power."

There are no separate laws for the synagogue, and the synagogue is not above Jewish law."

He concluded that: "The Orthodox synagogue is expected to have separation of the sexes. This is our new battleground."

DR. BURAK told his audience that the halaha which is all embracing, molds the character of the Jew.

"Even G-d," he asserted is guided by halaha.

He described halaha as having rules for men and women, and said that women are exempt from certain laws.

JEWISH LAW, he explained, is an ethical almanac of how to act or not to act, what is right and what is not right.

Jewish Housewives Win As Frozen Poultry O.K.

LONDON (P-O) — Pressed by Jewish housewives, kashrut authorities have approved the sale of pre-packaged frozen kosher poultry. The poultry may be sold only in licensed kosher butcher shops and groceries which are regularly supervised.

Opposition was voiced, according to The Jewish Chronicle, by Rabbi P. Shebson who declared the move a mistake. "If you start making it easier for the Jewish housewife," he said, "even if it is within Jewish law, then you will find out what will happen next."

No Comment On Trip Of Blaustein, Segel

NEW YORK (P-O)—An American Jewish Committee spokesman refused to comment on the purpose of the trip of former President Jacob Blaustein to Poland. He is being accompanied by Dr. Simon Segel, director of the Committee's foreign relations department.

The spokesman would not tell The POST and OPINION whether the two men were representing the AJCommittee on the trip. The source said that Dr. Segel accompanied Blaustein because of his knowledge of Poland and the language.

WHAT'S DOING

COMING EVENTS

Sunday-Monday, May 31-June 1. Fourth annual convention of National Agudas Nshei U'bnos Chabad, the Lubavitcher women movement, Riverside Plaza, W. 73d and Broadway

Wednesday-Friday, June 3-4. Fourth national conference on Jewish education. Roosevelt hotel, Madison ave. and 45th st.

Thursday, June 4, 6:30 p. m. Annual meeting of the New York chapter of the American Council for Judaism. Fifth Avenue hotel, Fifth ave and Ninth st.

Friday-Monday, June 5-8. Fiftieth anniversary convention of B'nai Zion, the American Zionist fraternal organization. Kutshers country club, Monticello, N. Y.

LECTURES AND SYMPOSIUMS Sunday, May 31, 8 p. m. Jewish

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historama, "Building on Sand," in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Tel Aviv. 1. A tale of two cities: Jaffa-Tel Aviv; 2. The next 50 years; a recorded message from Chaim Levanon, mayor of Tel Aviv; 3. A grand tour of the metropolis of the Middle East; 4. Tel Aviv sings; 5. Living folklore by the sea; 6. Tel Aviv—center of Israel's culture. Herzl institute, 250 W 57th st Public invited.

Monday, June 1, 8 p. m. "Hatzor—the City Joshua Destroyed and Solomon Rebuilt." Illustrated lecture by Dr. Yigael Yadin, of the Hebrew university, Jerusalem Vanderbilt hall auditorium, 40 Washington sq. S. Admission free.

ART EXHIBITS AND SPECIAL EVENTS Exhibit: Forms from Israel, an

exhibition of handcrafted objects and the raw materials from which they were made, shown against photomurals of Israeli scenes and architecture. Museum of Contemporary Crafts, 29 W. 53d st. Open daily from 12 to 6 p. m. till Aug. 30.

"Shtetl Exhibit": — Photographs and documents representing 381 localities graphically portray Jewish life in Eastern Europe. Yivo Institute for Jewish Research, 1048 Fifth Ave. For group visits, call LE 5-6700.

Exhibit: Paintings by contemporary American and Israeli Jewish artists. Open daily 1-5 p. m. Sunday 11 a. m. to 6 p. m., except Friday. Jewish museum, 92d st. and Fifth ave. Admission free.

BOOKS AND RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Eban Makes It Clear That Claims To Mideast By Single Nation Are Offense Against Peace

THE TIDE OF NATIONALISM, by Abba Eban, \$2.00 (Horizon Press).

Eban is always informed, eloquent, and convincing. His Herbert Samuel lecture, third in the series, is a brilliant statement

of the rise of nationalism, with special reference to the Middle East. He makes it clear that there is a vast non-Arab Middle East, which renders claims for a single nation's hegemony over the entire region "an offense against international peace as well as a distortion of history, geography, and law." He compliments Israel on the successes of its first decade, and closes with a heartfelt shehechyanu.

MESSAGE TO JEWRY, by Solomon Schonfeld, \$3.50 (P. Feldheim, American agent).

Dr. Schonfeld is Britain's presiding rabbi of the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, and principal of the Jewish Secondary Schools movement, which is publisher of his many written messages. These include a great

number of brief homilies, which other rabbis will find most meritorious, philosophical writings, reports on wartime activities by the chief rabbi's emergency council, remarks on Jewish education, refugees, and Orthodoxy, and a number of scholarly essays. All present a rounded picture of a leader distinguished for piety, learning, practicality, and achievement.

THE DEATH AND LIFE OF GERMANY, by Eugene Davidson, \$5.75 (Knopf).

Mr. Davidson depicts the American occupation as "the remarkable 10 years that transformed a defeated, demolished, and demoralized enemy nation into a healthy, prosperous, and firm ally."

Although there are obvious vestiges of Nazism and anti-Semitism, he believes and demonstrates that democratic influences—after the Nuremberg trials, the airlift, and all the other episodes of the period—now hold sway in West Germany. The voice of Anne Frank resounds in many German ears.

The author talked with officials and with folk on the roadside. He studied every popular manifestation of the post-war years. He feels that the land has

recovered spiritually as well as politically and economically. For more than two-thirds of the population, including even former Nazis, deplore the crimes against Jewry and favor restitution. Civilization is making inroads on the once paralyzed German mentality.

ABRAHAM BURSTEIN

ISRAEL HAS HELICOPTERS

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NATIONAL AGENCIES

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Farband Labor Zionist Order, 575 Sixth Ave., New York 11 — YUkon 9-0300

Jewish National Fund, 42 East 69th St., New York 21 — TR 9-9300.

Kashruth Supervisors Union, 205 W. 14th St. — AL 5-7330.

National Community Relations Advisory Council, 9 E. 38th St. MU 5-1606

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WHAT FOODS THESE MORSELS BE

INSTANT MINCED ONION CAN BE HANDY AID FOR COOKING OUTDOORS

By SARAH LIEBER

With the end of May, and Memorial Day, the picnic season officially opens.

THIS IS THE time to unwrap the grill and picnic basket from last year. Check up on supplies



Sarah

and lay in a stock of paper plates, cups, napkins and aluminum foil to keep in the basket for those spur-of-the-moment outdoor meals. Make sure you have some charcoal or briquets on hand.

In my own home I always

keep some canned picnic foods on the shelf when summer draws near. We enjoy eating in the backyard or taking some supplies to the park for supper. A fresco dining is one of the easiest ways to entertain, too.

FROM CALIFORNIA, often called the home of outdoor dining, comes a handy aid to fresh air cooking. It is the dehydrated onion product called instant minced onion. This is used, and has been for many years, by food processors such as the makers of glassed gefilte fish. It is ready to use and can be sprinkled directly on food.

For the barbecue, for the hamburger specialists and for all other outdoor chefs, this is a convenient essential.

The instant minced onion may be used as it comes from the container, or it may be combined

with water before using. One tablespoonful of instant minced onion is equivalent to one-quarter cup of fresh minced onion.

HEARTY POTATO SALAD PICNIC STYLE

- 1 quart diced cooked potatoes
- 2 tbsps. instant minced onion
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 3 tps. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 tbsps. cider vinegar
- 2 tbsps. salad oil
- 2 cups diced celery
- 1/2 cup diced green pepper
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- fresh tomato wedges

Combine potatoes, instant minced onion, garlic powder, salt, pepper, vinegar and oil. Let marinate three hours. Just before serving, add celery, green pepper and mayonnaise. Toss lightly and turn into a salad bowl. Garnish as desired with tomato wedges. Serves eight.

BARBECUE SAUCE A LA SOUTH WEST

- 8 oz. can Spanish-type tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 2 tbsps. fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbsps. sugar

- 1 tsp. powdered dry mustard
- 2 1/2 tps. salt
- 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 tbsps. instant minced onion

Combine all ingredients and simmer over low flame for five minutes. Baste hamburgers, steaks, chicken or other meats with the sauce while broiling. Or use as a marinade.

CUMBERLAND SAUCE FOR CHICKEN

- 1/2 cup currant jelly
- 1 can (6-oz.) frozen concentrated orange juice
- 4 tbsps. wine (optional)
- 1 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp. powdered ginger
- 1/2 tsp. Tabasco

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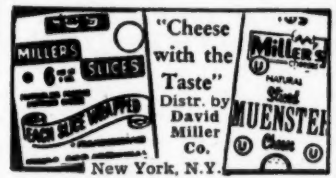
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The National JEWISH POST Visits Benton Harbor & St. Joseph, Mich.

Good and Bad About Jewish Life In Small Town Told By Rabbi

By Rabbi JOSEPH SCHWARZ
Temple Beth-El, Benton Harbor, Mich.
In spite of all shortcomings as a whole, Jewish life in a small community can have lasting influence upon its members.

ALL THE advantages and shortcomings of a small Jewish community are conspicuous here in the Twin City area of Benton Harbor-St. Joseph, Mich., located on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan at the mouth of the St. Joseph river.

Practically all Jewish people in the area are known to the Jewish leadership, and most of them—probably more than 80 per cent—are affiliated with one of the synagogues.

A CLOSE contact can be maintained between the rabbis and their congregations and between the members of the community.

It is comparatively easy to schedule activities in accordance with the needs of the members. The attendance at religious services is better than in large communities, and interest in religious education can be more easily stimulated.

The religious organizations have an excellent standing in the community at large, and most of the members consider it a matter of pride to maintain this standing.

JEWISH residents participate in almost all community projects; as a matter of fact, many of the community organizations make it a point that one or more Jews be represented on their governing bodies.

One of the members of this Jewish community is a state senator and one of the rabbis was the president of the ministerial association a few years ago.

But in spite of the fine relationship between the Jewish and the non-Jewish communities, the social life between them is rare. There are cases where Jews and non-Jews mix socially, however, these cases are rather the exception than the rule. Such social intercourse occurs especially among young people who are employed in the larger industries.

I HAVE numerous letters from former members who moved away from this town expressing gratitude for the Jewish experience they had in this small community. Most of them are from young couples who were brought up in large Jewish centers of

the East or Midwest and whose contact with Jewish life had ended with bar mitzva or confirmation, people who only reluctantly affiliated with our congregation.

Many of them assumed responsible positions in the large communities into which they moved, but all of them affiliated immediately with Jewish congregations and became active members.

The Benton Harbor-St. Joseph area is a typical Midwestern community with a population of about 60,000. The Jewish population is estimated at 250-300 families, most of them well integrated in the community life. They have their share in the principal sources of income: resort business, fruit farmers and fruit brokers; and industry.

AS IN ALL Midwestern communities Jews are engaged also in retail business and in the professions and to a certain degree in wholesale business and connected occupations.

The centers of Jewish activities are the two synagogues, Temple Beth El, a moderate Reform congregation, and Congregation B'nai Shalom, a right-wing Conservative congregation which is the result of a recent merger of Conservative and Orthodox congregations. Both of these congregations were older than Temple Beth El.

BOTH congregations have their religious, educational and social programs. Both maintain religious and Hebrew schools and youth groups. Temple Beth El also sponsors a nursery school which meets three times a week. Both have an adult education program and Hebrew courses for adults. Both have sisterhoods and men's clubs and both try very

PROFILES ON U.S. JEWRY

This review of Benton Harbor-St. Joseph, Mich. Jewry is part of a continuing series of profiles of American Jewish communities, large and small.

These articles will seek to interpret Jewish life in these cities in terms of the major questions facing the American Jewish community.

hard to furnish adequate Jewish programs.

In addition to these religious organizations there are B'nai B'rith lodges for men and women and an Hadassah chapter.

An overall organization is the Jewish community council consisting of the rabbis, the presidents of all other Jewish organizations or their representatives, and a number of elected members. In general the community council's work is limited to fund-raising affairs for the United Jewish Appeal and other Jewish institutions, and only occasionally does it act upon matters of interest to the entire community.

MANY OF the shortcomings of the community result from the closeness of Jewish community life.

Since both congregations have a comparatively small membership, they are interested in enlarging their membership roster. In many instances not religious conviction but social connections decide what organization to join. This attitude has resulted very often in the religious indifference of people who could have made valuable contributions to the other synagogue. It also has resulted in a duplication of efforts and in an overemphasized demand on people with leadership qualifications.

THE STEADILY increasing budgets of all organizations could be met only with numerous fund-

raising projects—big and small—and these fund-raising efforts are often mistaken for the real aims of the organizations. On the other hand, these efforts have created a sense of loyalty seldom found in a large community.

Cultural activities are handicapped by the small number of interested people. However, all organizations try to include in their regular meetings some specific Jewish cultural programs.

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Nathan Ziprin, editor of Worldwide News Service, reporting on the press conference held by Herbert B. Ehrmann, newly-elected president of the American Jewish Committee, has Mr. Ehrmann making this statement:

"THE COMMITTEE cannot operate within a pattern of co-operation with other organizations under which it might have to bow to a majority vote on issues toward which it has a different approach."

If this is in fact Mr. Ehrmann's views, and if it does represent the attitude of the American Jewish Committee, then we have nothing more or less than a refusal to yield to the discipline that is democracy. This discipline says that in any common effort, the majority makes the decisions, meanwhile in no way affecting the views of the minority, which may present a minority viewpoint.

THE COMMITTEE isn't as bad in practice as it sounds when it attempts to defend its thesis that there should be no Jewish organization which speaks on a united basis for the American Jewish community. For some reason there is an ingrained fear within the Committee that such an overall agency would serve the Jewish community ill.

We believe this is nothing more than hogwash, but we're willing to let the Committee have its fun, for the Committee is as Zionist as the B'nai B'rith, and its Jewish sympathies are as strong as the American Jewish Congress or the United Synagogue or what have you.

THE POST AND OPINION hails the election of Mr. Ehrmann as new president, and notes the end of the five-year term in office of Irving Engel.

Mr. Engel was a faithful servant of the AJCommittee, and of the U.S. Jewish Community. He strengthened the co-operation of the Committee with Zionist efforts begun under the stewardship of Jacob Blaustein.

BUT A NEW president, given time, is expected to make changes. That is why the Committee as other Jewish organizations, does not give its president longer than five years in office.

And to Mr. Ehrmann we want to say that one as well-acquainted with the American Jewish Community as he is knows that the Committee must grow with the times, that old views do not always fit new situations, and that strength comes from meeting situations not with old shibboleths, but with responses and creativity that the circumstances warrant.

CAN JTA BE INDEPENDENT?

The problem of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, one that has confronted the U.S. Jewish Community for almost 15 years, is not an easy one to solve.

THE JTA CANNOT support itself in the manner of news agencies in the general field, which receive their revenue solely from the publications they serve.

The JTA receives its revenue from the local Jewish communities, from subscriptions to its daily bulletin, and only in a minor way from the Anglo-Jewish publications it serves. We would hazard the guess that the JTA's income from the Anglo-Jewish press doesn't represent even 10 per cent of its operating expenses.

VICTOR BIENSTOCK'S optimistic view (P-O, May 22) that support from the local Jewish communities, through their federations, will solve the JTA's financial problems is some more of the same kind of optimism which has kept the JTA in the red year after year for more than a decade.

But he is even more wrong when he contends that the JTA can ever be independent under its present plan of operation. Even if the U.S. Jewish community were mature—and not the jungle that it is on the national scene—a news agency accepting funds from one or other source within that community has no chance of independence.

AS TO BORIS SMOLAR'S views before the convention of the Anglo-Jewish Press Association on the need for an agency which disseminates information on the situation of world Jewry, we're inclined to agree. What is lacking in the U.S. Jewish community today, we've repeated here many times, is a means of communication.

As a result the publicity agent or organization with the most money—not the one with the most valid case—usually wins out. If there were a national Anglo-Jewish weekly with 100,000 circulation, most of the evils of the bickering and refusal to co-operate in our national Jewish organizations, not to mention the waste and the duplication would disappear overnight.

THE LOCAL JEWISH weeklies could do the job, but they rely too much on the JTA for their news, and their influence naturally is confined to the local level.

The way to build that kind of influential national Jewish weekly is not the way the JTA has been forced by necessity to follow. The publication must be independent of all agencies in the Jewish community and its income must come only from its readers and advertisers.

THIS OF COURSE does not help the JTA in its financial woes.

There are only two suggestions. One is that an independent fact-finding survey of the JTA operation be conducted by an organization which has competence in the field.

The other is to see that those who use its services pay adequately for them, whether it be the local Anglo-Jewish papers or the subscribers to its daily bulletin.

But of one fact we're sure—the JTA will never be independent as long as it receives its funds from any segment or even all segments of the U.S. Jewish community.

The EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

We've read about four-fifths through "Exodus," and it's a pity that Leon Uris can't write.

AN ANTI-ZIONIST charged that the novel was Zionist propaganda (P-O, May 15). That it is—in the same way that Jewish history is Zionist propaganda.

The book is powerful and makes absorbing reading. I found it a little difficult to get into the book, because my professional background kept telling my brain that this was trash.

AS I GOT ALONG into the book, I understood why it is so popular. The Jews of today don't know Jewish history of the past 100 years. "Exodus" is Jewish history woven around a novel.

The impact of the book is tremendous.

IT IS JEWISH history in sugar-coated pills, and it unfolds the story of the building of Israel in a way which a thousand speeches can't do—because this reaches the Jew who needs it—while those who like you and me listen to speeches, we pretty well know what took place, if not in the last 100 years, at least since Hitler.

Have you noticed the many new delicious kosher items that are beginning to appear in the advertising columns of The POST and OPINION seeking to win your attention? The P and O will shortly, if it isn't already so, be the place where the Jewish housewife will turn when she prepares to do her shopping.

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THE BEST SPECIAL edition published in recent years by any Jewish publication is, in our opinion, the one issued by The Jewish News, of Newark. This paper is owned by the Jewish community through its local federation.

Evidently as part of its educational campaign for the local annual drive, the publication printed a 35-page special edition covering the activities which are made possible through funds raised in the drive. But this is no prosaic, unimaginative special issue. Not at all. Top writers both here and in Israel, most of them daily newspaper people, wrote in a pulsating way about what could have been the most drab subject—an old home, a Jewish center, etc.

JUST TO SHOW you the planning that went into this special, the paper chose a family—father, mother and two daughters—arriving in Vienna from Rumania, and then traced their steps with pen and photographs through Italy, aboard the steamer and into Haifa. In Israel, another correspondent took over, and followed the same four into their first home that same day in Israel, and their first meal in their new house. Quite exciting reading, and our hats off to The Jewish News for a job well done.

"Let Us Now Praise Famous Men"

By RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN
KAM Temple, Chicago

I am glad that the Jewish community of Chicago has found fitting ways of taking note of the 200th anniversary of Georg Friedrich Handel's death. I have often said that the immortality of men depends only partly on their own character and achievements. It depends as much on the will and the sense of values of the living.

Chicago's Soldiers Field will hardly be large enough to hold the devotees of the off-beat, hep cat, rock-and-roll musicians—you should pardon the expression! Orchestra Hall, it appears, will be quite adequate to seat those who worship at the feet of Handel.

But the Lord saves by few as well as by many. And we should be privileged to be among these few.

IT IS A SLIGHTLY contrived coincidence that this sentiment comes from the book of Maccabees.

When "Judas Maccabeus" appeared on the stage of Covent Garden, in 1746, it was the first time in many generations that an English audience was treated to the portrayal of an heroic Jew. It was a true antidote to Shakespeare's Shylock and all his puny imitators. Handel performed a service that no anti-defamation society could ever accomplish. We Jews shall always be grateful to Handel for having given an adequately heroic setting to the exploits of the Glorious Brothers Maccabee.

HANDEL FOUND other Jewish characters congenial to his taste, as his oratories on Esther, Jephtha, Samson, Saul, Deborah and Solomon would indicate. Even his most famous work, "The Messiah," begins with the sentence from Isaiah 40, "Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye, My People." Sir George Adam Smith says of this: "I do not know whether Handel had heard the original Hebrew, but he has caught its music in the bars with which 'The Messiah' begins."

Israel unhappily forgot its ancient glory when Vespasian and Titus levelled Jerusalem

to the ground. Our music became the weeping of orphans and the minor wail of the penitent for the smile of God's favor. We buried the glory of David and Judas behind the bushes of our tears.

HANDEL KEPT alive the joyous clamor of the song of triumph and our unyielding faith. He matched the major affirmation of "Who is like unto Thee among the mighty?"

Now we can celebrate his music and the story of our people, not as a nostalgic yearning for things that have been and are no more, but rather as the proper accompaniment of the song of ascents which our brethren are singing in Israel today. The modern Maccabees and their American friends can fittingly hear the masterful arias of the oratorio, not only as the celebration of ancient triumphs but as cheerful premonitions of victories to come.

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THINK AS I PLEASE

Here's a Good Way to Break the Israel-Jordan Deadlock

BY CARL ALPERT

HAIFA — The idea was suggested by the Rev. William H. Hudnut Jr., a distinguished Protestant clergyman from Rochester, N. Y., who has been touring the Middle East. He spent time in Egypt, Jordan, Israel, interviewed dozens of people of both sides, and sought to view the controversial issues of the Middle East with dispassionate objectivity.

I don't know what the official attitude of the Israel government would be toward the Rev. Hudnut's interesting, indeed dramatic proposal, but it certainly deserves thoughtful consideration on the part of men of good will in Israel, in Jordan, and in the United Nations.

ON MT. SCOPUS stand the empty buildings of the once magnificent Hadassah hospital. Although under full control and sovereign jurisdiction of Israel, the hospital and the adjacent Hebrew university buildings, are not used because access to them is only via a strip of Jordan territory. Jordan permits only a fortnightly change of the guard, nothing more.

At the same time, the old city of Jerusalem suffers from lack of hospital facilities. Arabs and Jews alike used to receive treatment at the Hadassah hospital, but since that institution was closed down, no proper hospital has been made available on the Jordan side of the line.

THE IDEA, which I venture to elaborate slightly, runs as follows: Hadassah and the government of Israel, perhaps through the good offices of Dag Hammarskjöld, propose to the Jordan government the full reopening of the hospital on Mt. Scopus. It

will once again be staffed with Israel doctors and nurses, fully equipped—and be made available to serve patients from both sides of the lines, irrespective of nationality or religion.

This was indeed the original program of Hadassah, and in full consonance with its tradition.

WHAT DOES this achieve? From the Arab point of view, it makes available a service which, Rev. Hudnut and other visitors report, is sorely lacking in Old Jerusalem. Disease is common, health standards are poor, and professional experts lacking.

Not so long ago a Jordanian family asked permission to have their child treated by a Jewish physician in Israel. The permission was granted, the line was crossed, and the cause of mercy was served.

WHY CAN this not be done as matter of permanent policy?

At the same time, the Arabs are not put in the position of yielding or surrendering any-

thing — an important consideration when dealing with them. Mt. Scopus is, after all Israel territory. The armistice agreement provides for Israel's access to it, and only the implementation has been delayed. Without sacrificing a single principle, the Jordan government can provide its people with a degree of medical service otherwise beyond their reach. The approach is purely humanitarian, and serving their own best interests.

FROM THE Israel point of view, it helps to bring normalcy closer. It is not a victory, because it gives the country only what it is already entitled to under the agreement—access to Mt. Scopus. But beyond that it for the first time permits a degree of relationship between Israel and its neighbors. One step leads to another, and as every observer of the Middle East agrees, it is only the first step that is difficult.

All kinds of political difficulties can be envisaged; the pessimists will be certain that it can not work; the diplomats will say that there is no precedent for it in international affairs.

Then let this be the precedent. If some think that it calls for an extreme generosity on the part of Israel, so be it; let Israel make this generous offer, without restrictions and without reservations. It may very well be the first step toward breaking the 11-year-old deadlock.

THE IMPORTANT thing is that the offer be made that it be made with good will and in a friendly spirit.

If it is rejected by the Arabs — well, they will only be spiting themselves, and the world will once again have a very vivid demonstration of the true state of affairs in this part of the world. But I feel strongly that if the proposal is made with proper tact and diplomacy, it can succeed.

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HELPED GET AUDIENCE FOR RABBI SHULMAN'S WIFE

(Editor's note:) When Mr. Tonkon answered the letter of Rabbi Charles Shulman (P.O. May 1) we deleted from Mr. Tonkon's letter the remarks about Mrs. Shulman because of excessive length and our feeling that Mrs. Shulman was not a party to the discussion. Mr. Tonkon disagreed with our editing, and consequently we are printing below the excised portions of his original letter.)

MRS. SHULMAN might remember that one of those phony, "masochistic Jewish self-haters" and "psychopaths," an ardent member of the American Council for Judaism, whom she did not know, was asked by a mutual friend in Chicago to extend her some courtesies.

It seems at the time Mrs. Shulman was a paid worker for the World Jewish Congress and wanted to come to a Southern city (name of city and party involved will be happily furnished to anyone interested) to do some organizing. She did not know anyone in that city and the Congress organization was not too formidable.

THE IDEOLOGY of the World Jewish Congress and Mrs. Shulman were in diametric opposition to the ideology and eternal verities held by this member of the ACJ, yet when he learned that Mrs. Shulman could not have a meeting of like-minded people, he called a group of some 25 Jewish Nationalists together as his guests at a luncheon, presented Mrs. Shulman to them and told them that while he disagreed with her, and the precepts of the World Jewish Congress, he felt as a result of his universalistic Jewish teachings that she had a right to be heard and an opportunity to further the cause of her organization and then declared the meeting was hers and theirs.

She then sought the opportunity to speak from either an Orthodox or Conservative pulpit on the forthcoming Sabbath and it was this same "masochist" who

professed the "kind of religion" Rabbi Shulman says he saw at first hand when Mr. Coleman and his coterie in Chicago were members of the temple in Glen-coe, who arranged this, although not a member of his synagogue but of the Reform synagogue.

BECAUSE none of these activists of the Congress in that city (knowing Mrs. Shulman was to speak at the synagogue) invited her to dinner before the service that Friday night, this same "Jewish self-hater" and his equally "self-hating" wife, invited Mrs. Shulman to their home for dinner and she can bear witness to how the Sabbath was ushered in, the sanctification of God, the blessing of the candles, the kiddush, the blessing of the bread . . . and the brief reading from the prayer book. They escorted her to the synagogue and worshipped there and listened to her talk.

This is but one example of the myriad which would put to rightful shame the blasphemous language Rabbi Shulman employs. However, people of deep religious conviction (and they are not necessarily those who are always to be found in the synagogue, although I believe in the value of public worship) do not flaunt their religious convictions. It is a voluntary and utterly personal matter and no one, leastwise a rabbi, can with justification of the vows he intoned at his ordination, irresponsibly heap excoriations and aspersions on them.

This has been a somewhat long story, but I felt it had to be told for the benefit of your readers who might have read Rabbi Shulman's intemperate "monograph" . . .

I. EDWARD TONKON
Dallas 1, Texas

TWO STREETS NAMED SALK JERUSALEM (P.O.) — Two streets in Israel, one at Ramat Gan and the other in Holon, have been renamed after Dr. Jonas Salk who has concluded his visit to the Jewish state as guest of the government.

Rabbi Interviewed By Telephone Was Not Stranger

Editor Jewish POST and OPINION Your issue of May 15 includes a story, apparently emanating from Ottawa and captioned "Something New in Choosing Rabbi."

As a whole it is reasonably accurate, except that the name of our city in misspelled as is that of the rabbi. Likewise, the distance from Ottawa to Orlando is not 2,000 miles and your informant did not estimate the size of our committee accurately.

Furthermore, your informant did not tell you that Rabbi Michael Kurz had visited our community for three days, some two months ago. Likewise he omitted to advise you that some of our board had personal visits and telephone interviews with Rabbi Kurz in Florida. You may also assume that our congregation made the usual discreet enquiries concerning this and other applicants.

However, we recommend the conference type of telephone interview in cases where the parties know each other—it beats waiting around airports and picking up the tab.

A. H. LIEFF
President

Agudath Israel Congregation
Ottawa, Canada

Claims Look Letter Lists Sen. Gruening As Not Jewish

Editor Jewish POST and OPINION Here is an excerpt from a letter Look magazine sent me in regard to the number of Jews in the Senate:

"From the religious point of view, only Senators Neuberger and Javits are Jewish. Two others are of Jewish ancestry, but are not members of the faith. Senator Gruening of Alaska is a Congregationalist, and Senator Goldwater of Arizona is a Presbyterian."

I believe The POST and OPINION should check up on the fact of Senator Gruening of Alaska being a Congregationalist. If this be so, he certainly should not be feted at Jewish affairs, and he should not at all be treated as a Jew any longer.

SAMUEL DYEN
New York 33, N. Y.

HOW CAN JEWS CALL JESUS A 'PROPHET'?

Editor Jewish POST and OPINION I have read the several letters concerning Jesus. Not being a scholar, but being intellectually curious, I would like to know the sources of the "facts" that these scholars rely on.

IF I RECALL correctly, there is no record of Jesus except the New Testament. I am ignoring the statement in Josephus because it is acknowledged that it is a subsequent interpolation.

I remember reading some years ago that an English cleric stated that there is great doubt whether such a person as Jesus even

Sees Talk of Jesus In P-O out of Place

Editor Jewish POST and OPINION Re. the debate of Dr. Eisen-drath, Dr. Mann, and Dr. Neiman about the status of Jesus, I feel the whole discussion is out of place, particularly in a Jewish publication, because I believe that not only Tora Jews find it distasteful, but I'm sure the majority of the Christian community must resent these views expressed by non-Christians about one who they believe to be their Lord.

The net result is that it only creates ill will toward the Jewish community.

As a responsible editor, I feel that it is your duty to use better discretion as to what should be printed in your paper.

RABBI SIMCHA LEVY
Montreal 26, Que.

lived, but to him it is of no consequence because it is the New Testament, its teachings and philosophy that he accepts.

But why should we, professing Jews, accept the New Testament as factual? . . .

ON WHAT BASIS, therefore, do some Jews and rabbis call him a "great prophet" or "a great Jew," "the greatest Jew," etc.?

Certain references in the Talmud may or may not refer to Jesus, there is just as much authority for accepting one view as the other.

We have just as much right to call the central figures of Mohammedanism, Mormonism, etc. "prophets" as we have for doing so with Jesus.

REUBEN COBLENS
Brooklyn 30, N. Y.

Seeks Information About Rev. Holmes, Rabbi Wise

Editor Jewish POST and OPINION I am gathering material for a joint biography of the lifelong friendship and interrelated ministries of the Rev. John Haynes Holmes and the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and would appreciate letters, documents, reminiscences, anecdotes and any pertinent information. All such material will be carefully copied and returned to the sender.

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DEATHS

Dr. Hans Klee, 53, Zionist Leader

GENEVA (P-O) — Dr. Hans Klee, 53, long president of the General Zionist Organization of Switzerland, and vice-president of the European executive of the World Confederation of General Zionists, died this week in Scona, Switzerland.

A journalist and author, Dr. Klee was a former member of the council of the Federations of Jewish Communities of Germany, and had been a member of the central committee of the Zionist Organization of Germany. He fled from Germany during the Nazi regime.

OTHER DEATHS

Max Lisitzky, 93, donor of the land for the University of Arizona Hillel foundation, last month in Phoenix... Rev. Moses Z. Tofield, 76, former cantor of B'nai Emunah congregation of Tulsa, Okla., in Los Angeles...

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